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September 22, 1999

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow:

On behalf of the Sutter County Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on your CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We feel that the adverse impacts your preferred plan has on flood control in the Sutter County area are not adequately addressed.

As you know and history has proven, the Yuba-Sutter area is extremely vulnerable to severe flooding. The uniqueness of our river system continues to pose a significant threat to our citizens. Flood control is essential to our economic growth – Sutter County has the second highest unemployment rate in the nation – and for the safety of public. Your plan must not limit or hinder flood control in our area. Allowing the stream to meander and increasing riparian forest can be detrimental to our current levee system. We have had problems in recent years with riparian growth impacting flows in our flood control channels and streams. During final development of your plan, it is essential that you follow the guidance of the Corps of Engineers Sacramento-San Joaquin Comprehensive Study and the Sutter Basin Feasibility Study to ensure Yuba-Sutter area levee system integrity.

Another major issue of concern is tax revenue that may be lost due to transfer of property and water rights. It is vital to our economic growth that this revenue not be decreased due to implementing your plan. We question whether future water supply demand issues have been thoroughly reviewed by your plan. We also question whether there has been an adequate review of water supply alternatives. Still another question of your plan is the possible sources of the associated cost for local match requirements or other options for funding.

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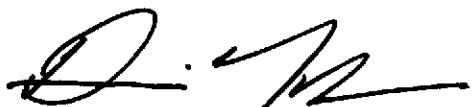
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In closing, we again express our support of your desire to provide a comprehensive plan that can solve environmental and water related issues in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We also encourage you to produce a workable plan by objectively reviewing all possible options for future flood protection for the Yuba-Sutter area as well as all other areas.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Nelson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DENNIS NELSON, CHAIRMAN
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